

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66 -16 Building Date: 1937, 1957  
Building Name: McCarthy-Singleton House  
Location: 4813 Hollywood Road, College Park

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The McCarthy-Singleton House is a one-and-one-half story gable roof frame dwelling of irregular plan, situated on a large town lot. The house has grown through a series of additions, which have been adapted to the slope of its setting. It overlooks Hollywood Road, to its north. The north (main) facade contains the original one story, three-by-two bay gable roof cottage, covered with horizontal tin or aluminum siding, painted white. An exterior corbelled brick chimney is centered on its west gable end. A one story shed roof sunroom with a band of casement windows was added to the east gable end. To the south (rear) of the original structure was added a large one-and-one-half story three-by-two bay gable roof wing with lunette windows in its north and south-gable ends. Its east and west facades have three gable roof dormers with casement windows. The wing is covered with horizontal wood siding, rests on a brick foundation has an asphalt shingle roof and a boxed wood cornice. The corners are marked by narrow pilaster corner boards. The south (rear) gable end has a one bay gable roof rear porch. There is a gable roof, frame garage to the west of the house and two large old elm trees.

The McCarthy-Singleton House is a cottage-style dwelling that has evolved in size and use since the original structure was built in the 1930's. The one-story building was built as a summer cottage by Gladys and Frank McCarthy in 1937. The McCarthys acquired more property in 1957, and added to the building for use as a permanent dwelling. Col. Frank McCarthy was a U.S. Army architect. He designed the structure and its additions. The cottage-like style of the structure has been maintained. The additions were adapted to the slope of the lot. The two-story, three-bay addition is set lower and to the rear of the small original block. The contrast in height and size is de-emphasized. The gable roof and casement windows of the original are repeated in the additions. Overhanging eaves and horizontal bands of windows create a one-story appearance. Additions to the building since 1982 include the one-bay enclosed portico on the main facade, and a two-story addition extending the larger, newer wing one-bay to the south (rear).

Acreage: 9,375 square feet

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McCarthy-Singleton House

and/or common McCarthy-Singleton House

### 2. Location

street & number 4813 Hollywood Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town College Park ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Carey B. Singleton, Jr.

street &amp; number 4813 Hollywood Road telephone no.:

city, town College Park state and zip code Md.

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6116

street &amp; number Main Street folio 228

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and District Plan

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The McCarthy-Singleton House is a one-and-one-half story gable roof frame dwelling of irregular plan. It is situated on a large town lot which slopes to the west. The house has grown through a series of additions, which have been adapted to the slope of its setting. It overlooks Hollywood Road, to its immediate north.

The north (main) facade contains the original one story, three-by-two bay gable roof cottage. It is covered with horizontal tin or aluminum siding, painted white. An exterior corbelled brick chimney with corbelled weathering is centered on its west gable end. A one story shed roof sunroom with a band of six light casement windows was added to the east gable end of the original structure.

To the south (rear) of the original structure was added a large one-and-one-half story three-by-two bay gable roof wing, twice the size of the original structure. The wing has lunette windows in its north and south-facing gable ends. Its east and west facades have three gable roof dormers with casement windows. The east facade has an interior brick chimney between the second and third bays. The wing is covered with horizontal wood siding and rests on a brick foundation. There is an asphalt shingle roof and a boxed wood cornice with a raking cornice of plain board. The corners are marked by narrow pilaster corner boards. Rafter ends project beneath overhanging eaves on the east and west. The south (rear) two bay gable end has a one bay gable roof rear porch on the second bay. Wooden posts support the porch roof, which has horizontal wood siding covering the pediment.

There is a gable roof, frame garage to the west of the house. Two large old elm trees are directly west of and shade the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history
Specific dates	1937, 1957	Builder/Architect	Frank W. McCarthy	

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The McCarthy-Singleton House is a cottage-style dwelling that has evolved in size and use since the original three-by-two bay structure was built in the 1930's. The original one-story building was probably built as a summer cottage by Gladys and Frank McCarthy around 1937.<sup>1</sup> The McCarthys acquired more property in the area in 1957,<sup>2</sup> and added to the building in several stages, for use as a permanent dwelling. Colonel Frank W. McCarthy was an architect in the U.S. Army. It is believed that he was responsible for the design of the structure and its additions.<sup>3</sup>

Although the size of the interior space has been tripled, the cottage-like style and character of the original structure has been maintained. This has been accomplished in several ways. The additions were adapted to the slope of the lot, giving the house a picturesque quality. The two-story, three-bay addition is set lower and to the rear of the smaller original block so that the contrast in height and size is de-emphasized. The gable roof and casement windows of the original are repeated in the additions. Overhanging eaves and horizontal bands of windows create a low, one-story appearance. Additions to the building since 1982 include the one-story, one-bay enclosed entrance portico on the main facade, and a one-bay, two-story addition extending the larger, newer wing one-bay to the south (rear).

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, 533:395.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. 2077:597.

<sup>3</sup> Conversation with Carey Singleton Jr., December 11, 1985.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9375 sq. feet  
Quadrangle name Beltsville HTax Map 25E-2, Lot 3-5

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate January 1986street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title  
McCarthy-Singleton House  
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#6116:228  
5 June 1985  
Deed

Carey B. Singleton, Jr. to Carey B. Singleton, Jr. and Sirkka V. Singleton from \$10.00 grantor conveys that parcel obtained from Frank W. McCarthy and Gladys Wales McCarthy and the Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd., August 19, 1966, #3396:259 and by deed dated November 17, 1822, #5611:798. Lots 1-7, 37 and 38 in Block 21 in Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision, Plat RNR2, 18 and 19.

#5611:798  
17 Nov 1982  
Deed

Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd., representing estate of Gladys Wales McCarthy deceased (grantor) to Carey B. Singleton, Jr. For \$18,800 grantor conveys Lots 6, 7, 37 and 38 in Block 21, Hollywood-on-the-Hill Subdivision. Same property obtained from Genevieve D. Huiess, February 19, 1957, recorded #2077:597.

#2077:597  
19 Feb 1957  
Deed

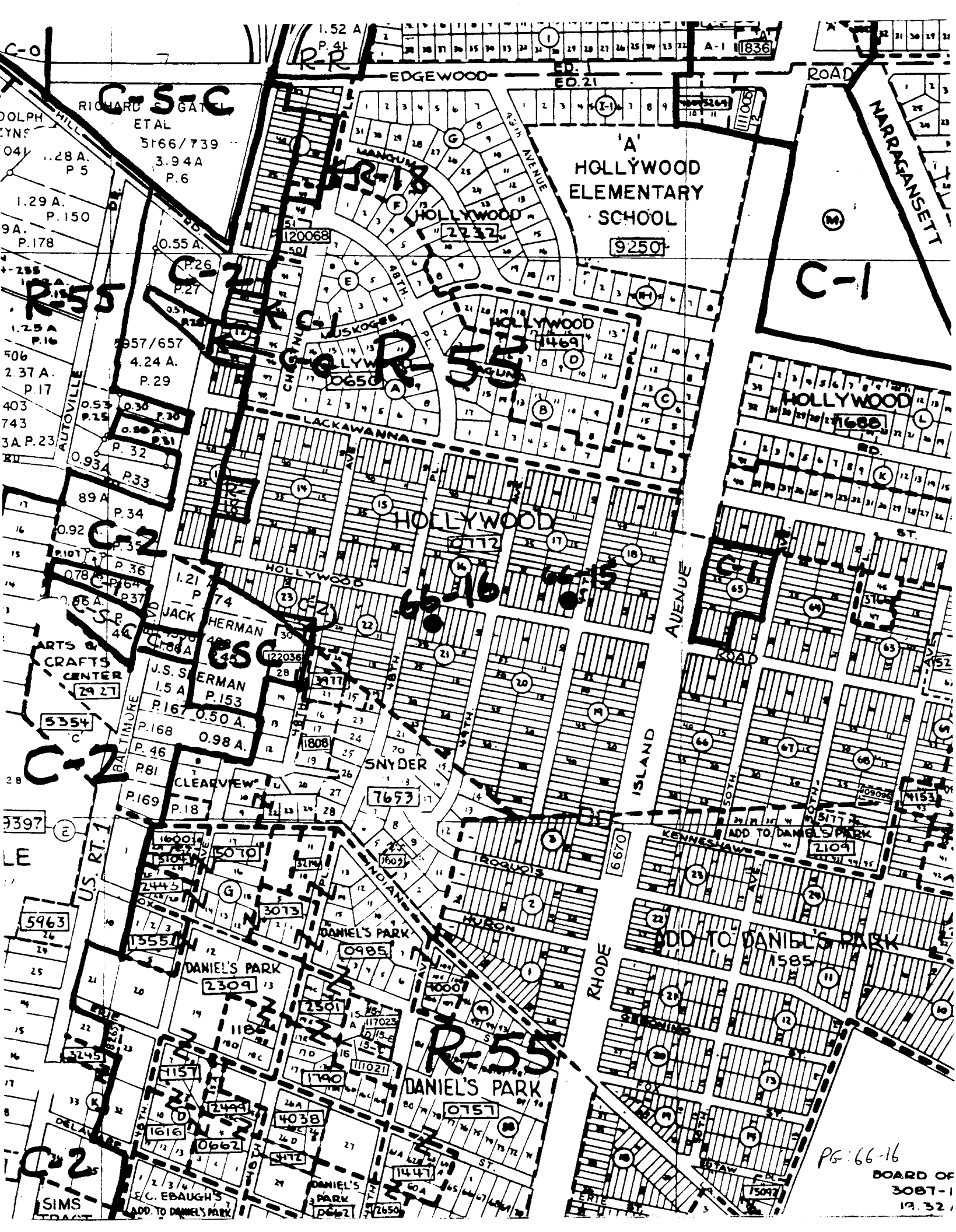
Genevieve D. Huiess to Frank and Gladys McCarthy. For \$10.00 grantor conveys those parcels being Lots 1-7 in Block 21 and Lots 25-30 in Block 16 and Lots 37-38 in Block 21 together with improvements thereon.

#533:395  
13 Nov 1937  
Deed

Shelby Loan and Trust of Illinois to Gladys Wales McCarthy of Berwyn, Maryland. For \$305 grantor conveys that land in Vansville being Lots 1 and 5 in Block 21 in Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. Plated RNR2: 18 and 19.

#189:485  
22 Dec 1922  
Deed

George N. Buck, widower of Mattoon Illinois and Shelby Loan and Trust Company, Trustees. Grantor conveys for \$1.00 that subdivision known as Hollywood-on-the-Hill in Vansville District. Contains 86-2/3 acres of Turner land and 186.43 acres of Burgdorf land.



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McCarthy-Singleton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
December 1985  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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McCarthy-Singleton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
December 1985  
North elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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McCarthy-Singleton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
December 1985  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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McCarthy-Singleton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
December 1985  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD